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The Honorable Matt Rodriguez
Secretary for Environmental Protection
California Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Secretary Rodriguez:

We are writing to express support for Cal Poly Pomona's proposal to be the site for the relocation of the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Motor Vehicle and Engine Emissions Testing and Research Facilities.

The California Air Resources Board's existing motor vehicle and engine emissions testing and research facilities are currently located in the cities of El Monte and Los Angeles, and employ approximately 400 employees. The workforce for the facilities includes, but is not limited to, engineers, scientist, technicians, economists, mathematicians, administrators, and political scientists.

Cal Poly Pomona is proposing that CARB select the Pomona site, which is one of two sites currently under consideration. Located on Cal Poly's Innovation Village II, the Pomona site is comprised of approximately 150 acres of land adjacent to the former Lanterman Development Center and is an ideal venue for the relocation of the CARB facilities. Selection of the Pomona site will keep the CARB facilities, and its high paying jobs, in Los Angeles County.

The Pomona site also would benefit from access to and collaboration with Cal Poly's faculty, staff, and students, who will provide input into the building design, joint collaborative research projects, multi-disciplinary expertise, and student internship and work-study opportunities. In addition, CARB would be afforded affiliate benefits which are currently offered to other tenant employees, including course offerings on campus and access to housing, conference, and board room facilities.

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Cal Poly Pomona's polytechnic approach and it's "learn-by-doing" philosophy makes the Pomona site the ideal location for relocation of the CARB Motor Vehicle and Engine Emissions Testing and Research Facilities.

Your consideration of this important request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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